BALLS -By reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen that the lovers of the dance are promised a merry time at the numerous military and civic balls shortly to come off. That there may be no mistake about the time on the part of those who desire to attend, we annex them below in the order in which they take place

The Americus Club, composed of young men of the northern section of the city, give their second grand ball at Temperance Hall, on Wednesday evening next, the 27th inst. The Washington German Yagers, Captain

Schwarzman, have their ball on New Year's night, at Carusi's Saloon

The Terpsichore Club, of the eastern section of the city, give a grand ball at Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard, on New Year's night. The Montgomery Guards, Captain Key, have their grand annual ball on Monday, the 8th

of January, at Jackson Hall. The Columbia Typographical Society celebrate their fortieth anniversary by a ball and supper, at Jackson Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th of January.

The Empire Club, an association of young men, give their ball at Temperance Hall, on Monday, the 15th of January. The Franklin Fire Company have their seventh annual ball on Wednesday, the 17th

of January, at Jackson Hall. A TRAP has been set for some time, through the neglect of somebody, at the intersection of D street south with Seventh west. When the first named was graded through about six months ago, steps with rails, and guards extending right and left from the steps on the ridge of the excavation, were built for the convenience of foot passengers; lights were also placed at the steps on dark nights. Of late no lights have been put up, and the steps, &c , have got sadly out of repair. We have heard of frequent sprained ankles that have occurred to individuals from the insecure steps, and one night lately an accident of a very serious character happened to the wife of one of our most respectable citizens. At about six o'clock in the evening, she, with other lady friends, was accompanying an acquaintance, who lived below D street, part of the way home. She was ignorant of the excavation, and when near it something occurring to alarm the party, she started to run, and was instantly precipitated to the pavement of D street, some eight feet below. Although she | nightly attended by the clite of that city. experienced no serious effects from the fall at the time, yet a few hours after reaching home she was so seriously indisposed as to require the services of a doctor, who has been attend ing her ever since Fears are entertained that she will never recover from the effects of the shock she received.

Counterfeits .- We give place to the following new counterfeits from the Bank Mirror, for the benefit of our readers :

5s altered from a broken bank on the Citizen's Bank, Baltimore, Md. Vig. spread eagle and rock. The gennine has a vignette on the right end, representing Vulcan with his anvil, with war and peace by his side. The word "Baltimore' is inserted in the place of "Washington," and the signatures are not

5s altered from 1s on the Central Bank, Worcester, Mass. The figure 5 on the right corner, at the top and corner below is printed. Worcester, in the centre, which is also full ef fine printed "fives."

1 and 2 dollar relief bills on the Lancaster and Middleton Banks. They are a capital imitation of the genuine, and are hard to detect. Better refuse all of those denomina-

10s on the Farmers' Bank, Bridgeport, Conn. They are peorly done and easily detected.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION .- During the year there have been extensive improvements made in this building. A fine lecture room has been added, which will comfortably seat one thousand five hundred persons. It is well adapted for hearing and seeing, the view of the stage being unobstructed from any part of the room. The large hall, just completed, will probably be appropriated for the exhibition of the museum now in the Patent Office building The relies and national memorials can be displayed to much better advantage than in the present building. We shall be pleased to see this arrangement go into effect, as we doubt not it will meet the approval of the public generally.

SOMETHING GREATLY NEEDED. - Calvin Bohn's new Department Directory, and Register of Officers in the Service of the United States in the city of Washington, giving their names, number of room and story in each department, compensation, and residence in the city of Washington, which is for sale by all the Washington booksellers Just at this time this little pamphlet will prove invaluable, more especially to nearly every trades man in Washington. Keeping it at their el-bows will save them hours of labor daily, particularly until after the usual annual settling time passes. In an instant one can tell from it just where to find anybody who may be employed in the executive or other department of the Government in this city.

EXCHANGE NO ROBBERY .- This susceptible species of roguery, we thought, was confined to umbrellas and hats; but it appears that some genius conceives that it should extend to the covering of the feet as well as the head, and, by way of carrying out this last principle, he stepped into the Patent Office, the other day, and while the hands were engaged at their work selected a new pair of boots belonging to one of them, and left in their place a pair of down-trodden heeled ones. We cannot allow this genius the benefit of coming within this class of operations, as they never stoop so low; we therefore shall give him his appropriate title, by calling him the "boot thief," and warn him that if caught at his tricks he will be caged as well as "booted."

STEAMBOAT SUNK .- The steamboat Union. which has been running between this city and Alexandria during the late cold weather, has, infortunately, sunk at the wharf. The opinions of the cause of the disaster are various. Some say she was caught under the wharf; others that she struck a snag in the river, and another party contends that she was cut through by the ice on the river while she was running Whatever was the cause of the mishap, it is unfortunate for travelers to and from Alexandria.

EIGHTH OF JANUARY CONVENTION .-- At a meeting of the soldiers who served in the war of 1812, at Appomattox Court-House, Va , on the 8th instant, the following delegates were appointed to attend the convention, which will be held in this city, on the 8th of January next: James Shearer, George Steele, James Calboun, Spencer Gilliam, Thomas Peers, Clover Harvey, Jacob Tibbs, William Shearer, A. B. Baker, Wilson Hix, William Pankey, Benjamin Abbitt, William Paris, Wyatt Abbitt, A, North, and Hou. Mr. Bocock.

THE INFANT DRUMMER -This gifted phe nomenon will make his first appearance before a Washington audience on Monday next. His fame, which has travelled before him, excites the highest expectations; but his performances always excell them. It is quite impossible to form any idea of the marvellous skill and energy with which he makes the drumsticks talk music without witnessing it. He must be both seen and heard to be appreciated.

CENTER MARKET .- There is a very large supply of provisions in market this morning; and as usual, when the holidays are near prices have advanced considerably. Poultry is plentiful, and wild fowl is selling rapidly at the regular prices. We noticed this morning that good turkeys were sell ng at 75 cents to \$3 each. A number of prairie hens were brought to market this morning, and were selling at \$2 per pair. It is usual for prices to advance near Christmas and decline after

AN INTERESTING LECTURE-From an item in our advertising columns it will be perceived that the Rev. Mr. Sunderland lectures to- the very lowest prices of late styles always on hand. morrow evening in the Fifteenta street (col ored) Presbyterian Church to the colored young men's Christian Association. His fine abilities and high reputation as a divine will doubtiess pinsure bim a crowled congregation. George's county, Maryland.

CIRCUIT COURT. - To day, Judge Morsell on behalf of himself and colleagues, Judge Dunlep delivering another, but entirely concurrent opinion,) rendered the judgment of the court in the case of Werner, appellee, vs the Corporation of Washington, deciding that the law of the Corporation, which passed on the 8th of October last, is null and void as to prohibiting the sale of liquors to be drank on the premises in ordinaries and taverns, but affirming its legality as applicable to tippling shops. Thus the corporation has lost this so important case.

On the Gardiner will case, the Court affirm ed the action of the Court (Orphans) below, hire or the year 1855, at his recidence in Alexandria wherein the right to administer was denied to county, Virginia, a negro Man, Boy, and Woman. Messrs. Bradley and Carlisle, the counsel for the defence in the celebrated "Gardiner fraud case," and given to Samuel Casey, the appointee of the Government.

Both these opinions were certainly very able and clear, and are spoken of by all the the undersigned at the Star offire, Washington city. members of the board with whom we have spoken concerning it.

THE ROUSSETS AND CHRISTMAS .- The Rousset sisters will perform at the National Thea ter on Christmas afterneon, when a beautiful Christmas piece will be presented.

THE IN DOOR POOR .- Messrs. Editors : In your report of the proceedings of the Common Council, I notice a bill was passed appropriating \$200 "for the burial of the out-door poor." For the sake of many of "the outdoor poor" who do not wish to be buried at present, I beg you to inform us on what day the sextons under this law propose to visit D street, in order that we may keep in doors and escape the practical workings of Alderman Pepper's bill. Yours, truly, EDRARDUS.

Those of our readers who are in quest of elegant and appropriate presents for the holidays, will find at Shillington's Book Store, Odeon Building, a magnificent assortment of Annuals. Gift Books, Albums, Poets in all styles of binding, interesting Juvenile Books, Toy Books, Episcopal and Catholic Prayer Books, Bibles, Writing Desks, Porte Monnaies, rent low. Enquire of Mrs. LONOJHUE on the Port Folios, Work Boxes, Gold Pens, and premises. everything in the fancy stationery line. JAPAN AND THE JAPANESE. - A lecture on

this most interesting subject will be given in our city on Tuesday next, by Bayard Taylor, Travels, &c., Works of Fiction a great variety, and the well known Eastern traveller and correspondent of the New York Tribune. He is at Bibles, Prayer Books, Portmanna'es, suitable for present delivering a course of lectures in the holiday presents. Also, a good assortment of Blank Musical Fund Hall, Philadelphia, which are Books, Stationery, &c.

STANLEY'S PANORAMA. - Who has failed to see Stanley's interesting Panorama of the Far tegether, as can be agreed upon. Wes , at Odd Fellows' Hall? Whoever he may be he will regret it. But there is hope yet; let him go to night, the last of its exhi-

POTOMAC NAVIGATION.—The river between this city and Alexandria is again blocked up with ice, which compels the steamboats plying between the two cities to discontinue their | near E, east side. The house is in good repair, dry trips. The mail steamer Powbatan is, how- cellars, and to a good to ant the rent will be low. ever, able to make her way through the ice, and makes her regular trips to Aquia creek The navigation is good below Alexandria

THE WERNER APPEAL CASE.—The decision of the Circuit Court in the case of the Corporation against C. Werner, in which an appeal TOR RENT-A STORE ON PENNSYLV N'A had been taken from the decision of Justice Mersell, was made known to day. It declares the right of tavern-keepers to sell liquors in The words "five dollars," are pasted over small quantities, and the power of the corporation to license and regulate taverns, but not the power to prohibit them.

> TRIED AGAIN .- S. F. Lucas was tried a seon the charge of obtaining \$300, under false | streets, fconting 24 feet and running back 180 feet, pretences, from Chubb Brothers, bankers, there being a flaw in the first indictment Mr Key appeared for the United States, and Mr. Ratcliffe for the prisoner

> The case was given to the jury, and this morning they brought in a sealed verdict, to and teauty, with an abundant supply of excellent be opened at 2 o'clock, p m -just as we go to | wa'er. Persons desirous of precuring a house and

promptly passed the bill of the House, increasing the compensations of the members of the Auxiliary Guard to six hundred dollars each a year. We have no doubt but what the President will promptly sign the bill.

BAPTISM.-Last evening, at the Thirteenth street Baptist Church, quite a number of converts related their religious exercises preparatory to their baptism, which takes place tomorrow. The revival of religion at this in scope and interest. As we said last Satur day, let all who would secure seats, go early.

Wood -We understand that good oak wood is delivered in Alexandria at \$4 50 per cord. Can any body inform us why the difference miles from town. Persons desirous of market, in the price of wood between here and Alex. dria is so great? The price here is \$6 50

NATIONAL BANK, D C .- The Bank Mirror notifies the public that they will soon become better acquainted with this bank, "to their pied by Mr. Dyer as an auction and commission sorrow." There is no such bank in the Dis- store, is for rent low to a good tenant. Also, the trict, so far as we are acquainted.

Wood FROM THE COUNTRY .- Wagon:, carts. &c., are busily employed bringing wood from the country, and it appears to meet with rapid sale. This morning wood was effered for sale Book Auction Store, 474 Pennsylvan's avenue. in all the streets near the market. We never saw as large a quantity of wood in the market

WATCH RETURNS .- James Fleming, drunk and disorderly; dismissed. This is the only case in last night. Not a lodger registered; probably because of the enforcement of the old rule of sending those who lodge three successive nights at the guard house to prison. The lodgers love to sleep by the stove, but hate to work for the corporation during the etc., etc

THE USURY LAWS -The Richmond Enquirer, the leading Democratic paper of Virginia supports the repeal of these restrictions upon borrowers by earnest arguments.

A paper manufacturer in Manchester, N. H., has lately purchased eighty tons of the back numbers of Gleason's Pictorial as waste | The Parables Unfolded, by Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens

PALPITATION OF THE HEART, Nervous diseases Liver Complaint, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Costiveness and Piles, are all relieved and cured in an incredible short space of time, by Carter's Spanish Mixture, the great tonic and purifier of the blood. It contains not a particle of Mercury,

Affection's Gift 1855; Gem Annual 1855 Opium, or any noxious drug; is perfectly harmless, and has ore than five hundred en We can only refer the reader to the certificates, a few of which may be found in another column, and all of which the detailed in full around the bossie. It is the greatest of all Spring and Fall Medicines, and possesses an influence over are blood touly remarkable.

papers as fast as published. He is agent for Harper's and all the other Esgazines, and our readers will always find a large and speed assortment of Blank Books and Stationery his Bookstore, Odeon Building, cor Pa. avenue and 4% st.

GREAT CURE OF RHEUMATISM.—The Editors of the Richmond Republican, of December 4th, 1852, say that Carter's Spanish Mixture is no quack medicine. They had a man in their press room who was afflicted with violent mercurial rheumatism, who was continually complaining of misery in his backs, limbs and joints :—his eyes had become feverish and mattery, neck swollen, throat sore, and all the symptoms of rheumatism, combined with Scrofula. Two bottles of Carter's Spanish Mixture cured him, and in an editorial notice as above, they bear testimo-ny to its wonderful effects, and say their only regret is, that all suffering with disease of the blood are not aware of the existence of such a medicine. They cheerfully recommend See their certificate, and notice in full around the bottle

AMOTHER PREMIUM .-- Mr. WHITEHURST has been awarded another premium for his superior Daguerreotypes exhibited at the World's Fair, New York. It will be remembered that Mr. W. received from the World's Fair, London, two medals for his unrivalled daguerrectypes of President Fillmore and Cabinet, and Pantiscopes of Niagara Falls, be-sides gremiums at all the fairs at which he has exhibited for many years past. This speaks volumes in favor of his galle-

ries.

Call and have your likenesses taken at Whitehurst's Galle ry, near Four and a-half street, Pounsylvania avenue. READY MADE CLOTHING FOR GENTLEMEN AND Youths' wear manufactured with taste and elegance by NOAH WALKER & CO., under Browns' Hotel. Their stoel

embrace the Palitot or Surtout Overcoat, Oversacks, shape and perlagee; Taimas, black and blue Cloth Dress Coats Frock Coats of all fashionable colors, Cassimer, Business Suites, rich Velvet Vests, Silks, &c., black doeskin Cassimer, figured Cassimer, and plain Cassimer Pantaloons. For the youth—Jackets, Pants, Vests, Overcoats, &c. As they are their own manufacturers they are enabled and will sell at the very lowest prices. Shirts of superior fit, Collars, Gloves

DIED On the 19th instant, Miss MARTHA A. BADEN in the 20th year of her age, formerly of Prince

Boarding.

ROOMS AND BOARD.—SEVERAL LARGE AND pleasant unfurnished rooms for families or single gentlemen, with board, will be let at MRS HALUS, No. 452 Thirteenth street.

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Wants.

WANTED-A FEMALE OOOK, SLAVE PREferred, is wanted for the ensuing year En-BRVANTS WANTED FOR 1855 IN ALEXAN.

dria county, Va.—The undersigned wishes to The Man and Boy to be accustomed to farm work. and the Woman to cooking and washing. Competent and faithful servants will find a good home with him These having such servants, which they desire to hire in Alexandr's county, will please apply in person or by letter, as soon as possible, to W. D. WALLACH.

WANTS MEGROES.—Thesubscribersare all times in the market buying SLAVES, pay ing the highest cash prices. Persons having Slaves for sale will please call at 242 PRATT STREET, Rattimore, Md., (Slatier's old stand.) Slaves taken on board at 25 cents per day.

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B. M. & W. L. CAMPBELL

For Sale and Rent.

FOR SALE OR REST-THE LEASE, GOODwil and Fixtures of a store suitable for any kind of business For particulars enquire at No. 384 E street, near Teath street west.

OFFICE ROOMS FOR RENT.—SOUTH FIDE OF
F street, three doors from 15th. The rooms are large and very pleasant; and are admirably suited, by location, to the purpose named. Apply at the door.

A. HYDE.

COR SALE-THE STOCK AND GOOD WILL of a Grocery and Liquor Store, on the corn r of Jefferson and Water streets, Georgetown, is now of f-red for sale. The stand is a good one, and the en ly reason for se ling is bed health. To any person wishing to start in the above business a good op portunity is now offered. The house is la ge and

BOOKSTORE ESTABLISHMENT FOR SALE. J. ELBER & CO., corner La. avenue and Seouth streets, offer at private sale their entire stock and store fixtu es, &c. The stock comprises History, Biography, Poetry of the most popular kind bound and in cheap form;

The ocution is a desirable one, and the stock is fre h and in such variety as one commencing business requires The stock and fix'u'es will be sold separately or

Apply on the premises personally, or by letter. J. EI DER & CO., No. 3 Columbia Place, Corner La avenue and 7th etrect.

The public are requisted to call, where they will THOR RENT OR SALE .- THE MODERN Four-story Brick House on Thir eenth street Possession given on the 1st November Apply to ont 30—tf JAS. C. McGUIRE, Auc'r.

ROOMS AND BOARD.—SEVERAL PLEASANT Rooms with board, and a neatly furnished parior and bed room may be had at 540 L street,

avenue, opposite Braws s' Hotel. Possession given on Jaruary 1st. For terms apply to drc 16-e04t JACKSON, BROTHER & CO.

EVERY MAN HIS OWN LANDLOWD-TEE Union Land Association have row lithographed plats of Uniontown, situated on the Eastern branch of the Potomac river, directly opposite the Navy Yard, and invit the public to exemine the same at cond time, yesterday, in the Criminal Court, i Eligible Building Lo's, on graded 60 feet wide

are new offered at the very low price of \$75, payable in easy installments of \$3 a month, until the whol: is paid, when a deed in fee simple will be executed to each lot holder; a deduction of 10 per cent. will be allowed to persons paying cash. The location is one of acknowledged healthfulness lot upon very favorable conditions of payment.

should make immediate application, as a similar op-PAY INCREASED.—The Senate, yesterday, portu ivy will never again be presented. N. B - A large quantity of chesnut post and oak wood for sale chesp. JOHN FOX, Secretary, Office, Seventh st, above Odd Fellows' Hall.

FOR RENT-Possession given immediately—the late office of the Evening Star, on D st., within fifty yards of its junction with Twelfth street and Pa. avenue. The building is of two stories. The lower story being divided into three convenient rooms, and the upper being a large single room. It will afford two convenient small shops, fronting on D street, with ample working room in the rear. Alchurch, instead of diminishing, is increasing | 80 a convenient painter's or carpenter's or other mechanics' work shop above. Apply at Star office.

> FOR SALE.—SEVERAL FARMS NORTH OF Washington city, containing from thirty-five to one hund ed and fifty acres, convenient to churches and schools, and good society, from three to six dairy, or farming, land, would do well in applying to the subscriber, near Bladensburg. CHARLES DIGGES.

> VERY DESIRABLE STORE TO LEC-THE store on the east side of Eleventh street, one door north of Pennsylvania avenue, lately cocu-House above the store Apply to

G. A. RANDALL, Corner Twelfth and D streets.

SEBASTOFOL NOT TAKEN, BUT COEDS of new and valuable Books nightly taken f om the new FITZGERAUD' Store H. SEMKEN,

JEWELER, Fa. avenue, between 9th and 10th streets. FFERS FOR SALE A BEAUTIFUL ASSORT-

-- BEST SILVER- FLATED WARE-Complete Coffee and Tea Sets on white metal, entirely new styles, a variety f ri hly chased Cake and Bread Baskets, Castors, Walters, Butter Dishes, Sugar Bowis, Sait and Fruit Stands' Urns, Kettles,

Double and thripple plated table, d-ssert, and tea Spoons and Forks in silver Patterns. All the goods

warranted as represented and sold low. dec 8-1t./anl FEMALE POETS OF AMERICA, BY THOMAS Buchanan Reed

Femele Prose Writers of America, by John S. Hart, L. L. D. Goodrich's Gems of British Poetry

Keats's Poetical Works Kirke White's Poetical Works and remains

Cabinet Annual for 1855 Jerusalem and its Sacred Localities, by W. B. C. Odenheimer, A. M.

Leaflets of Memory for 1855 shove are fine editions

and beautifully illustrated. FRANCK TAYLOR.

Our ACCOUNTS WILL ALL TE MAD OUT earnestly request, and confidently expect that our friends will be punctual in settling their respective bills, as we rely on the proceeds to meet the demands on us.

BURNS & COCHRAN. on us. dec 21-eo3t

WM. HAUNSCHILD, PAPER HANGER & UPHOLSTERER. A MERICAN and French Paper Hangings and Upholster Goods, Pennsylvania avenue, betw. Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, Washington,

and the public that he has on hand a large stock of French Gilt and American Transparents. Also, Hair. Moss, Cetton and Shuck Mattresses. which he will dispose of at the lowest prices.

Wm. Haunschild begs leave to inform his friends

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS

Collector's Office, December 5, 1854. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the list of delinquent property is in curse of preparation and will be completed and published on or about the 1s January, 1855. All persons interested are earnestly requested to come forward and (by paying) relieve the undersigned from the unplessant du y of enforcing the collection, and th meelves from the onerous additional expense attending an R. J. ROCHE, Collector. advertisement. dec 6- dtlstJan

PURE SILVERWARE. HAV s just opened a magnificent assortment of STERLING SILVERWARE, embracing : Com-

plete Coffee and Tea Sets, Fitchers, Goblete, Cups, Spoons, Forks, &c. Also, a lot of Fancy Silverwars, new styles, such as ocks, fish and butter Knives; Oyster and Soup Lotles: Sugar and Cream Spoons; Sugar Tongs Falt Stands; Napkin Rings, &c. My silver is warranted—Sterling and Coln.
H. SEMKEN,

Jeweller, Pa. ave., betw. 9th and 10th siz. des 8-dtJanl

Auction Bales.

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer TANDSOME ILLUSTRATED LONDON BOOKS. Annuals &c .- For the accommedation of the ladies and others who cannot attend night sales, a sale of handsomely illustrated London Broks, Annuels, Albums, &c., will take place on 7 His (8at urday) afternoon, December 23d, at 3 o'clock at store No. 310 Pennsylvania avenue, between 9th and 10th streets. Terms cash.

J. C. McGUIRE, . Auctioneer.

By J. C McGUIRE. Autioneer. XTENSIVE SALE OF BOOKS AND STATION ery .- On THIS evening, at 7 c'clcck. I shall ell, at store No. 310, on Pennsylvania avenue, be tween Ninth and Tenth streets, an extensive ass'rtment of Books, Stationery, Encyclopedias, Annuals, and valuable standard works Also, Books el-gantly illustrated and illuminated ictorial, embellish d and beautifully bound.

Letter and Cap Paper, Portfolios, Gold Pens. &c. The sale will be positive and without reserve, to he highest bidder, and will be continued every evening until all are sold.

N. B.-Books for examination and at private sale during the day. Terms cash. J. C. McGU!RE.

Auctioneer. By DOWNS & HUTCHINSON, Aucs. HRISTMAS PRESENTS, JEWELRY, & FANcy Goods at Auction .- On FRIDAY and SAT-URDAY evenings, December 27d and 23d. we wi se'l at our Store, commencing at 61/2 o'clock, a large and very exc llent assortment of Goods sui'able for Christmas Presents, consisting of-Fine gold Lever and Lepine Watches Gold Guard and Vest Chains, Chaims Breastpins, Ear and Firger Rings

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Jet Ornaments, &c. FANCY GOODS -- Work Cases of rosewood, mrhogany and walnut; Cabas wel Boxes. Card Cases

Porte Monnaiss, of pearl, shell papier mache, calf, Turkey Morce to; Russia, &c. Parlor Bells, Gent Shaving Casas ax Figures, thina Vases Dinner and Tea Setts for children

Pencils, Gold Pens in Bat neion Cases

Bracelete, Lockets, Gold Crosses

Caps and Saucers with mottees Pa oramas for children, Farcy Bexes Paper Weights, Alabaste: Inkstands Perfarery. Sil Paintings, Engravings Portfolios, Fancy Clocks, &c. Also, Silver p'ated Albata Ware, such as-Forks, Butter Knives, Carvers Tes and Table Spoons, Fish Kniver, &c. Sale positive. Terms cash.

DOWNS & HUTCHINGOY. Auc., 428 Athenseum Building, near 4% st.

LIXTENSIVE AND EXTRAORDINARY SALE of choice and valuable Books, Stationery, &c., at Auction and Private Sale.—Commencing on SAT-URDAY. December 16, at Fi zzerald's Store, 47-Pennsylvania avenue. Stock all new and perfect, lired from New York trade sales, comprising the cicest and best relected assortment (foreign and lomestic) ever offered in this market, onsisting of School, classicul, law, medical, and Miscel ansous Books, in every department of litera-

New Books, daily from New York, School public and priv to libraries furnished from 30 to 40 per cent less than usual rates Bibles, Prayer Books, Blank Books, &c.

Albums, Aunuals and Holiday Presents, for 1855 Agricultural Works, some 50 different authors all new and papular works in print (Am rican and English) o im reve the seil and the mind feld and Ste-I Pens. of extra quality

Diaries, Proket Memorandums, Porte Monnaies,

The above stock will be open for examination and private sal- during the day, to which all are respect bry invited, whether they wish to purchase of not, and offered at auction every evening until the entire stock shall be disposed of. N. B. A rare opportunity is now offered for re-

plenishing libraries wi h choice reading at low rates. for the long winter evenings, as all can be suited. Dan't forget the place, at the New Union Bookstore, 474 Pennsylvania avenu. R. H. JEWELLE & CO.,

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer. EXTENSIVE AND PEREMPTORY SALE OF Cabinet Furniture and House furnishing goods. On TUESDAY morning, December 26th, at 10 o'clk at Store No 310 on the north side of Pennsylva nia averue, between Ninth and Tenth ets., I shall zell, without reserve, the stock in trade of a gentleman declining business, comprising -Full marble top Dressing and Plain Bureaus Marble top mahogany and walnut centre, side, and scfa Tables

Marble top walnut and mahogany Washstands Mahogany hair spring seat Tete a Tete, and other Card, Dining and Breakfast Tables Secretary and Bookcases, cloth covered Writing Ta bles, Lawyer's Decks

Chinese Tespoys, Window Shades Carved Mahogany Rockers and Pavior Chairs Revolving Office Chairs, Cottage Chairs Mahogady B. dsteeds, Hatracks Ensmilled and Plain Costage Suites French China Tea Sets, Glassware Iron Stone China Toilet Sets, Water Fitchers Vases, Lamps, Britannia ware Table Cutlery, Fire Irons, &c

Terms: \$50 and under cash; over \$50 a credit of 60, 90, and 120 days, for notes satisfactorily en dorsed, bearing interest P. S -The attenti n of the trade is called to this sale. The Furniture & ., is all new, and of good quality, and will positively be sold without reserve JAS. C. McGUIEE,

Auctioneer. By GREEN & SCOTT, Austioneers. WO TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSES & LOTS fronting on Nor h K. near Seventh st. west, at

Auction .- On WEDNE-DAY, th 27th instant we shall sell in front of the premises, at 11 c'cleck a. m., two good two s'cry frame House', fronting ou North K, between Sixth and Seventh etreets west next to the tin cs'ablishment, and the lots on which they stand, being lot No. 10 and pa t of 11, in subdivi ion of square No. 451. The above described property is handsomely lo-sted near the Nor hera Liberties Market, it b ing

the property belonging to the estate of Henry Hoffman deceased, and sold by order of the executor Terms : One half cash ; balance in three and six months, for notes bearing interest from the day of the sale. A deed given and a deed of trust taken.

All conveyances at expense of purchaser. GREEN & SCOTT, Anctioneers

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioncer. CXCELLENT SURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD Fffects -- On WEDNESDAY morning Decem ber 27th, at 10 o'clo k. I shall rell, at the res'd nce of the Rev. Charles A. Davis, on H street, near 20 h, all his Furniture and Household Effects, compris-Piano Forte, stool and cover

Mahogany Spring Divans, Lounge Parlor Chairs, cane seat do. Dining and other Tables Window Curtains, Sh des and Cornice Three ply, ingrain, and stair Carpets Oilcloth, Matting, Rugs Bedsteads, Bureaus, Wa drobes Washstands, Toilet Fets Superior Feather B. ds. Hair Mattresses Bolsters and Pillows, Blankets and Comforts China, Gla sand Creckeryware Table Cutlery, Castors, Fire Irons

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Expressly for the Daily Evening Star.

Arrival of the America.

SIX DAYS LATER FROM BUROPE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- The America arrived at her wharf this afternoon, bringing dates to

the ninth instant, being six days later news. The intelligence by her is of great importance. Negotiations of the most important

pean powers. Austria has signed a treaty of alliance with France and England.

character are in progress between the Euro-

Nothing of importance has occurred in the Crimea since last dates, and the armies remain

in much the same position before Sebastopol

Liverpool cotton opened actively, but fely off at the close of the week. Fair was a triffe lower, but the other qualities remained unchanged. Sales of the week, 42,000 bales. There has been but little variation in the

prices of breadstuffs. With a moderate demand provisions are un-

Consols are higher. Sales closed at 934.

MANCHESTER .-- Business has improved since last dates. Flour-Western Canal 43s. 6d.; Obio 45s. Corn-white 44s.; mized 43s. 6d.

QUUBEC, Dec. 23.-Lord Elgin left here yesterday for New York He was escorted to the starting place by a guard of honor. Sir Edward Head was present at the first

Departure of Lord Elgin for New York. &c.

levee yesterday.

The weather to day is still excessivey cold, but has somewhat moderated since yesterday. The thermometer indicates 20 degrees below

Election of a United States Senator. COLUMBIA, Dec. 23 .- Hon. David L. Yules as been elected Senator from Florida.

Extensive Fire in Buston.

Boston, Dec. 23 .- The Newspaper Exchange building, on School street, and occupied by

George J. Bemis, Moore, Riddle & Son, Jno. Wilson & Son, and others printing establishments, was burnt last night. The following paper offices were burnt out or damaged to a considerable extent: The N. E. Farmer, Massachusetts Ploughman, Christian Register. True Flag, Boston Recorder, the Youth's Companion, together with several stores on the ground floor, were damaged by water. Logs estimated at \$15,000.

Recovery of Stolen Property. BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.-This morning, many

of the valuable silks stolen from Ponder's stores as previously announced, were recovered They are valued at \$4,000, and were found in a room of the Washington Hotel. Harriet Bowman, retained for witness, Jerome Diggs, and John Russell have been ar-

rested, and the two latter committed. Foreign Arrival at New York.-More Emi grants, &c. New YORK, Dec. 23 .- The ship Howard, of

and from Hamburg, arrived here this morn-

ing. She brings 317 passengers, most of whom are emigrants. During her passage thirty deaths occurred. Action for Libel. BUFFALO, Dec. 23 .- S. P. Allen, editor of

the Rochester Democrat, has plead guilty to

libeling the editor of a paper of this city, but

urging extenuating circumstances. He was fined but \$25 and costs of the suit.

Baltimore Market. BALTIMORE, Dec. 23 .- Flour is dull ; Howard street is held at \$8 75, and City Mills at \$8 621. Wheat-sales of white at \$2a2 9, and red at \$1.90a1.92. Corn-sales of white and yellow at 88a90. Rye-Pennsylvania \$1.30 per bushel, and but little doing, as holeers and buyers are keeping back in anticipation

of foreign news.

New York Markets. New York, Dec. 23 .- Cotton is firm with an upward tendency. Flour has advanced 12; to 25 cents; sales of 4,000 bbls good Ohio at \$9.12 a\$9.50; Southern has advanced 12 to. with sales of 2,000 bbls. at \$9a\$9.75. Wheatthe market continues arm, with sales of Genesee at \$2.08a\$2.09 Corn is fluctuating, with sales of 27,000 bushels Western mixed at \$1. Pork is dull, with a downward tendency. Beef is firm with an upward tendency. Lard is un-

rates. Whisky firm, with sales of Ohio at 38ct. Troubles in Cotton CHARLESTON, Dec. 22 .- Another large cotton house is reported to have failed to-day. Cot-

changed, with a moderate demand at previous

ton is very much depressed.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 21 .- The South Carolina Legislature adjourned to-night. The bill to modify the laws relative to the introduction of free negroes, after passing three readings in the Senate and two in the House, was laid on Charges against the New York Police

New York, Dec. 22 -The grand jury have

made a presentment reflecting with great se-

verity on the police officers and the criminal

magistrates for the slack and reckless manner

in which they transact their duties, bearing

South Carolina Legislature.

heavily upon them for discharging known offenders against the laws. Ice-Bound Vessels in Lake Erie.

BUFFALO, Dec. 22 .- We have intelligence of considerable suffering among the c.ews of different vessels ice bound in Lake Erie off Malden and between Point-au-Pelee and the shore. They are supposed to be suffering from hunger. Flags of distress are flying from many of them. All efforts to get a steamer to them through the ice have as yet proved unavailing. Means are now being taken to reach them in small boats.

Breadful Accident. SYRACUSE, N. Y , Dec. 22 .- The express

train on the Centrail Railroad, coming east, this morning, ran against a sleigh team. The horses, in consequence, becoming unmanageable, the man who was driving them was thrown out on the track, when the locomotive passed over him, mangling him in a most hor-rible manner. His head and legs were completely severed from his body. The accident occurred at Savannah, between Syracuse and Rochester. NEW HATS AND FURS.

the most fashionable, but as decidedly the chaspest their Christmas purchase. He has a newly-invented machine for measuring

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